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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INTELLIGENCE MUSEUM COMMISSION

Minutes of
First Meeting
Room 6D-54 CIA Headquarters
Tuesday, 12 December 1972, 1600 to 1645 Hours

MEMBERS PRESENT

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[redacted] Chairman
[redacted]
Walter Pforzheimer, Historical Intelligence Collection
[redacted]
Bernard Drell, CIA Historical Staff; Secretary

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by stating that he planned to work with the group mainly as individual members and representatives of their respective components. He expects that the Commission will meet infrequently as a body.
2. The Chairman views the immediate responsibility of the Commission as:
 - (a) Development of plans - not necessarily a single plan - more probably a series of component plans.
 - (b) Identification of materials that require preservation, e. g. :

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(1) Equipment such as early audio-surveillance devices.

(2) Trophies that have been acquired as the result of operations - such as the

[REDACTED]

3. The main problem at the present time is to identify and conserve - more than to exhibit.

(a) Neither existing programs nor holdings of components will be disturbed or expropriated.

(b) The CIA Historical Staff and the Historical Intelligence Collection (HIC) may accept items appropriate to their interests.

(c) Displays will eventually be arranged as a by-product, when appropriate, and in consultation with the Directorate concerned and the Fine Arts Commission.

4. [REDACTED] noted that in the CS items obtained as a by-product of operations are probably being held casually by components which do not know what else to do with them [REDACTED]

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Eventually such items would be lost if not identified and preserved.

5. Mr. Drell stated that in addition to identifying and preserving significant items it was important to describe and catalog them while people are still around who can do so accurately and in detail. Otherwise the facts of their provenance may be lost and become difficult if not impossible to reconstruct.

6. The Chairman commented also on the problems of preserving large objects, such as the U-2, or projects that bomb out. [REDACTED] In some instances models or replicas might be preserved, or at least exhibited, instead of the originals.

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7. The Chairman acknowledged the need for NPIC representation. Mr. Pforzheimer is temporarily representing all of the DDI components, in addition to HIC.

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8. Mr. Pforzheimer introduced the question of the disposition of the Cuban Missile Exhibit. It was desired to keep the exhibit on display at least until 15 January to permit a viewing by the Senior Seminar of the Foreign Service School. [] said this was agreeable to him. Mr. Pforzheimer understood that the Director wanted a movie to be made of the exhibit, and that Mr. Hugh Cunningham and OTR are taking care of this project. The Executive Director-Comptroller has approved in principle the preparation of a brochure based on the exhibit and has tasked [] of PSD with funding and carrying out this project. It was agreed that Messrs. [] and Drell will get together to provide guidance on the preparation of the brochure. [On 13 December the DCI approved OTR's later suggestion that it produce a brochure on the exhibit rather than a motion picture.]

9. Summarizing, the Chairman thought it best to complete an inventory of museum-type materials presently held by CIA components before considering the question of exhibits. The Executive Director-Comptroller has agreed that components will retain their own collections. Although the EXDIR does not find the times propitious to provide a slot for a full-time curator, the names of qualified persons are solicited.

Bernard Drell
Secretary

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